

Joint Legislative Task Force on Mitigation Limits to Use of Conserved Water

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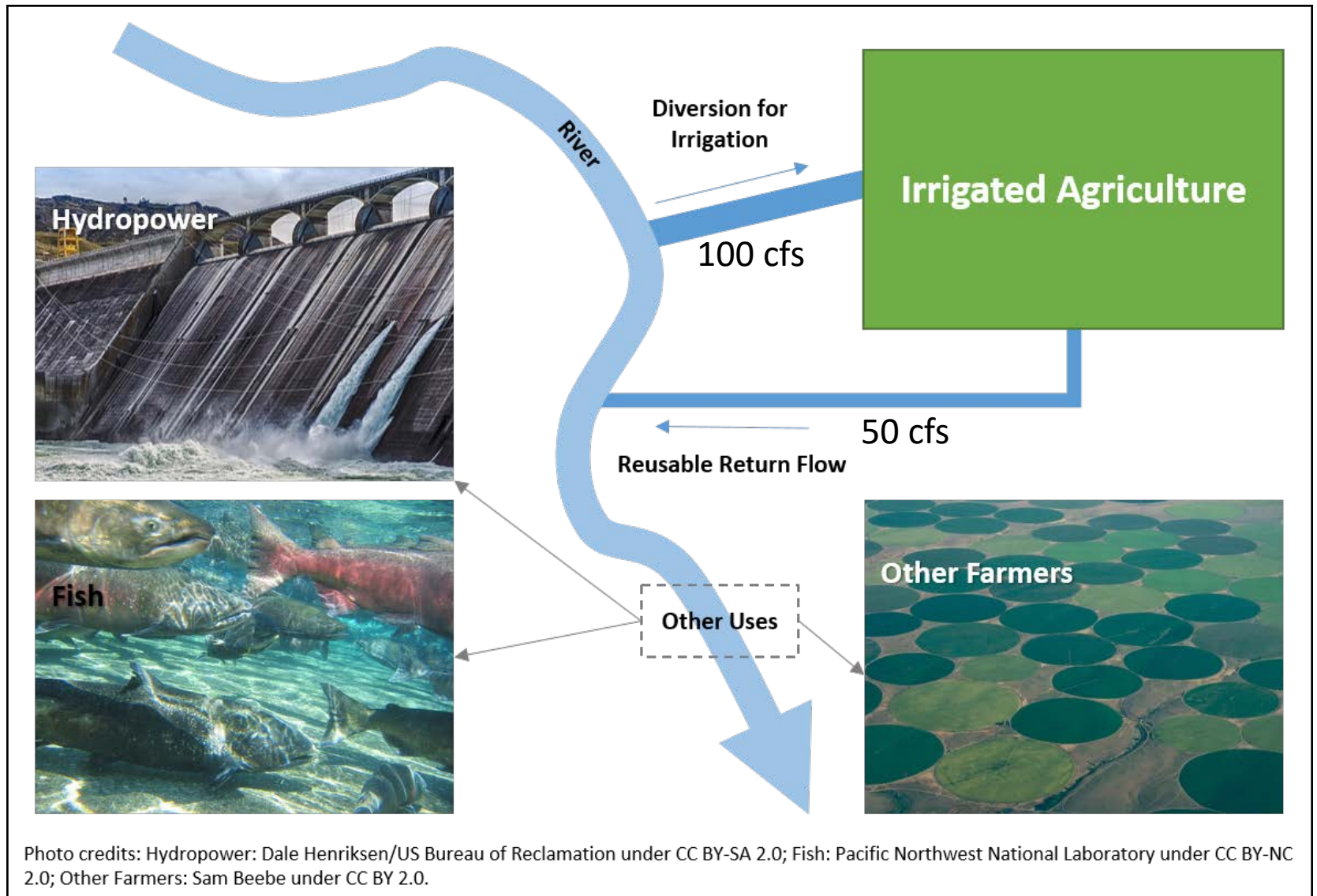
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Conservation

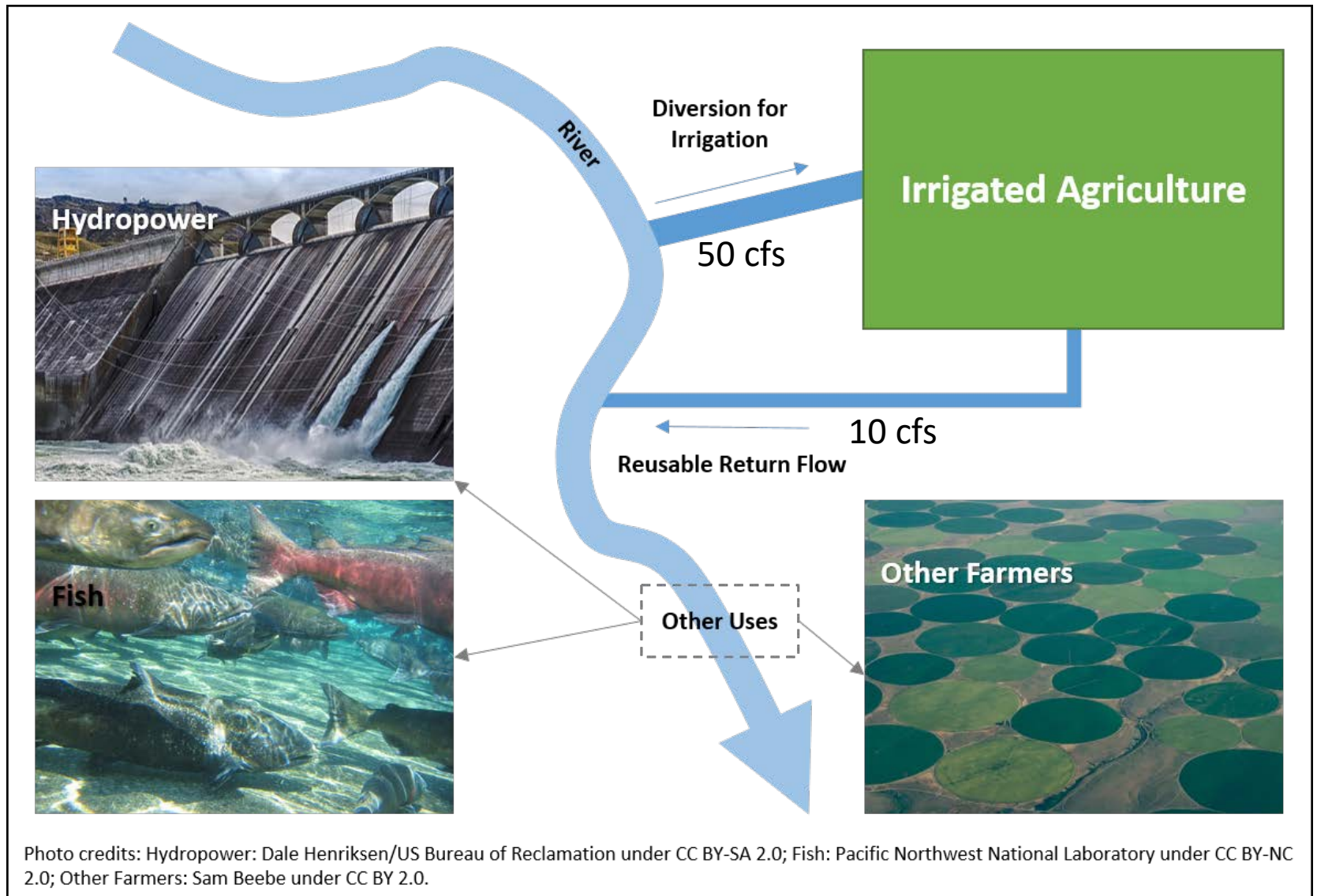
- Ecology strongly supports water conservation
- Significant benefits for the utility, streamflows, and other water users
- Required under Municipal Water Law
- Ecology provides cost-share funding through irrigation efficiencies program (for agriculture)
- Must be careful on how quantity of “conserved water” is calculated if it is to be reallocated





cfs means cubic feet per second





Considerations for use of conserved water

- Cannot assume that the full reduction in water diverted or withdrawn is “saved” for other users
- Must look at reduction in consumptive use if saved water is going to be reallocated
- Downstream users and streamflows are dependent on looking at both diversions and return flows
- Also a factor related to reclaimed water





Questions and Discussion